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Current Investment Outlook

Since collecting as an investment has played such an important part in the rapid growth of Numismatics as a hobby, it is only fitting that this phase of collecting be given more consideration and intelligent thought.

It is frowned upon by many of the "oldtimers" and ridiculed by European collectors and dealers.

So was Henry Ford.

In my opinion it is another example of the American and Texan "all-out-do-it-big-or-not-at-all" way of doing things --- a formular with a pretty good record for the past two-hundred years.

Certain principals employed in investment buying hold true in coins as well as securities. Late date material on which you may be able to make a quick and sizeable profit also involves the greatest risk. Blue-chip coins, like stocks, seldom make spectacular gains or depreciate in value with any rapidity.

All indications are for a continued "bullish" market for at least the next four or five years. Even so, one must never lose sight of the fact that speculation is a gamble and you can lose as well as gain. If you are not reconciled or cannot afford such a possibility, don't speculate!

Luck plays a part in most any speculation, but a thorough knowledge of the subject reduces this element to a minimum. Study the trends of collecting. It is much different now than twenty years ago - and will probably be more different in years to come.

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United States Gold Coins

U. S. HALF EAGLES



1798 Large eagle, Pract. Unc. mint lustre	\$ 100.00
1799 Abt. Unc, well struck. A choice coin	112.50
1800 Well struck and nearly full mint lustre. Unc.....	125.00
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1810 Similar, only V. Good....	35.00
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1811 Similar, choice V. Fine...	75.00

FOURTH TYPE -- LARGER HEAD

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NO MOTTO -- REDUCED SIZE

1834 Pl. 4, choice V. Fine....	22.50
1835 Pract. Unc., choice....	32.50
1835 Fine-V. Fine.....	17.50

1836 Abt. Unc, mint lustre....	30.00
1838 C Mint on obverse over date. Rare, Fine-V. Fine.....	45.00

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1855 O Mint, V. Fine, rare...	35.00
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LIBERTY HEAD TYPE

1880 - 1907

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(Dates of our selection)	

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1893 CC, (60,000) Unc.....	30.00
1893 O Mint, Ext. Fine.....	20.00
1895 Uncirculated.....	18.50
1902 S Mint, Uncirculated.....	18.50
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1906 D Mint, Br. Unc.....	18.50

INDIAN HEAD TYPE

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Circulating freely in Syria, Palestine and adjacent countries before and after the days of Christ, the large silver pieces of Tyre are said to have been preferred by the priests and money-changers of the Jerusalem Temple, as containing a heavier weight of silver than the silver Tetradrachms of the other great coin-mint centers in Syria, Antioch. Hence the inference that these were the kind of coins paid to the Apostle who, in remorse for his deed, took his own life.

The large and beautifully executed portrait head of Melkarth on these coins however, brings the owner into immediate contact with a "Baal" or local god of Syria whose worship exercised a profound influence upon the peoples of Syria, Palestine and North Africa.

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The story of Melkarth is a story of fire.

Back of the worship of this handsome god are the ancient legends of Usoos the Hunter, Destroyer of Monsters, Maker of Ships, Builder of the City of Tyre, who early followed the trail of game in the woods and held his own against his twin-brother and rival for power, Samemrum, Lord of the Supernal Heaven, who taught the people of the Tyrian coast how to settle and build houses of reeds.

Came the day when fire and wind conspired together to help one brother against the other. The windstorm, caused the trees to bend and rub their trunks and branches against each other, friction resulting in forest fire which drove the woodland hunter Usoos to the edge of the sea. There, seizing a heavy branch and tearing off the leaves,

THE MELKARTH COINS (continued)

he launched it, straddled it, and on it drifted from the fire-cursed coast towards a group of islands close to shore, where landing on an island, he set up two large stones (menhirs), poured at their base the blood of animals he had killed in the hunt, and built the town called Tyre ("The Rock").

According to the local legend, the island floated in the sea like a raft. It was overlooked by twin peaks ("The Ambrosian Rocks") in between which grew an olive tree sacred to Astarte and guarded by a curtain of perpetual flame. Upon a branch of the olive tree rested an eagle, keeping watch upon a serpent coiled around the tree trunk. "When some one slays the eagle in honor of the gods, the island will cease to float," ran the legend. Usoos advanced upon the eagle, which at once offered itself to the attacker's knife, and as its blood spurted out upon the ground, the island and its city rooted itself firmly on the sea-bed opposite the mainland. From that day forth, it was par excellence the island of the gods; Astarte, Goddess of the Night, it was claimed, was born there, and the local "Baal" named Melkarth was looked upon as "King of the City." Greeks afterwards stated that he was the same god as their Herakles (to Romans, Hercules).

Fire and blood, which figured so largely in the legend of Usoos, now came to figure prominently in the worship of Melkarth. Fire burned constantly in the sanctuary of his temple, guarded by shaven-headed priests in white linen robes, who abhorred pork as "unclean meat" and allowed no married woman to approach the altars.

At Tyre -- states Clement of Rome in his "Recognitiones" -- the "Death Festival of Melkarth" was held in the hot summers. Melkarth, it was said, voluntarily gave himself up as a victim to the flames of the sun, by expiation seeking relief for others from the curse of blazing summer sun-heat.

Both Josephus and Menander mention the local festival of "The Awakening of Melkarth," celebrated in late Fall when coolness comes back to the world Melkarth's alleged return from the flames of the sun to earth and to his temple at Tyre, was an occasion of great public joy.

The famous silver Tetradrachms of Tyre, with large portrait head of Melkarth on the obverse, bear the

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THE MELKARTH COINS (continued)

image of the legendary eagle on the reverse, and the bird is depicted standing on the gunwale of a ship, reminding us that Melkarth was the protector of seamen. The leafy branch showing behind the eagle may represent the legendary sacred olive tree.

Coins of the Roman period, issued from the mint at Tyre, often depict figures of the Tyre legend -- the eagle and the olive tree, the olive tree and the two stones erected by Usoos, sometimes just the two stones.

Tradition in Syria links Melkarth with the goddess Astarte, telling of their love affair, and that Melkarth's first love gift to her was the first robe ever dyed in the celebrated "Tyrian purple."

The worship of Melkarth became one of the most horrible rites of the ancient past. Large idols of brass, representing the god, were hollow, and had outstretched arms pierced with holes. A fire was kindled in the base of the idol, and when it was almost red hot, and Flame and smoke spouted from the arms, human beings, often babies, were laid upon the arms to burn to death. Their agonized screams were drowned by the noise of drums and flutes and other instruments, while parents stood calmly by. After all, they offer the most precious gift they could in order to gain the favor of the god! What more precious gift than one's own child?

The vile rites were even practiced outside the city walls of Jerusalem, when the idol (called "Moloch" in Holy Scripture) was set up in the Valley of Hinnom, traditional burning-dump of the Holy City, in a time when Israel was in complete apostasy and many foreign gods were worshipped.

In Carthage, where Tyrians and Phoenicians settled, the rites were indulged in with such cold-blooded brutality that even the Roman legionaries when they stormed and took the city were appalled and shocked, inured as they were to bloodshed and suffering.

To gain the favor of Melkarth during a prior siege of Carthage by the Syracusan king Agathocles, the people of the city burned to death on the arms of the red-hot idol two hundred innocent babies and small children, and three hundred adults also cast themselves into the flames. Even after the Roman conquest, devotees conducted the rites of burning human victims alive, in secret.

Hold a "Melkarth coin" of Old Tyre,

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The great number of youngsters now starting to collect coins will have a definite effect on the market.

Most U. S. series run in cycles -- are quite popular for several years and prices go quite high. Then, for some unknown reason, they go out of fashion for several years.

My own system has been to buy heavily of the unfashionable series at reasonable prices and have them on hand when they are again in demand. The market has worked in just such cycles for the past fifty years and I believe it will continue to do so.

There seems to be very little doubt that all numismatic material will advance in price during the next five years, partly due to the tremendous increase in interest and collectors. Added inflation, which seems certain, particularly with a change in administration, will have its effect. Even with these favorable factors, the smart investor who knows his coins as well as market conditions, will make money. The fellow who doesn't may very likely have made a bad investment.

An old business axiom is still good advice Investigate Before Investing.